Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities, an expenditure of Rs.98.83 crore was incurred during the last three years. Out of 197 projects sanctioned in Tamil Nadu (Chennai), 194 projects have been completed and the rest are under completion. The Scheme stands closed *w.e.f.* 1.4.2007. An evaluation of the scheme by Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) revealed that projects particularly roads, water supply and sewerage have significantly improved the quality of life in these cities and has enabled expansion of the network to several unserved areas including slums.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, expenditure of Rs. 41.29 crore was incurred during the last three years. Total of 172 towns benefitted under the scheme in Tamil Nadu. An evaluation study of IDSMT in U.P., M.P., Bihar, Orissa, Maharshtra, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala by Regional Centres of Urban and Environmental studies, Lucknow, Mumbai and Hyderabad indicates that three-fourths of the beneficiaries had positive perception of the scheme.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, an expenditure of Rs. 4.01 crore was incurred during the three years under reference. The scheme covered 93 projects of which 92 were completed and one was in progress as of July 2007. As per an evaluation of the scheme by National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), per capita supply in most of the towns has improved to 70 LPCD and water quality in the sample town was fit for drinking.

Drinking water is a major problem in Tamil Nadu and projects related to water supply have received due priority under various schemes currently under implementation. Under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), 29 projects have been approved out of which 15 pertain to water supply and under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), 65 projects have been approved out of which 48 pertain to water supply.

Additional funds for JNNURM projects

762. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sought additional financial assistance during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period to overcome the bottlenecks pertaining to infrastructure facilities of 63 mission cities under JNNURM;

(b) if so, the total quantum of funds requested for;

(c) the cities of Andhra Pradesh in which the above JNNURM projects are being implemented;

(d) the funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(e) the real allocations made by Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Planning Commission has been requested to increase the overall allocation under JNNURM. The group chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India set up to consider and suggest ways of Financing Urban Sector Projects has recommended that an additional amount of Rs.20,000 crore may be allocated during the Eleventh Plan period under JNNURM for urban infrastructure projects. An additional Rs.10,000 crore may be allocated under JNNURM for providing incentive to better performing states and cities and its allocation may be linked to quality of implementation of reforms and projects.

(c) to (e) The name of Cities of Andhra Pradesh included under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of JNNURM are (i) Hyderabad (ii) Vijayawada, and (iii) Visakhapatnam. The Planning Commission has made an indicative allocation of Rs.1718.45 crore for the period 2005-12 for Andhra Pradesh and an amount of Rs.1565.00 crore has been committed as Additional Central Assistance till 30.9.2008.

Water criris in Orissa cities

763. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan of Government to mitigate water crisis, to renovate and develop water resources under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) in the silk city Behrampur, Orissa;

(b) the details of the funds that have been earmarked under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) programme for the above project; and

(c) the action plan of the Centre to mitigate similar water crisis in other towns *i.e.* Koraput, Angul, Parlakhemundi, etc. under the above project in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) was launched on 3.12.2005 as a sub-component of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) covering all towns and cities as per Census 2001 excepting 63 cities covered under JNNURM. Water supply is one of the admissible component of UIDSSMT. State of Orissa has been provided Rs.181.79 crore for the Mission Period of 7 years (2005-12) under UIDSSMT. So far, 9 projects (7 projects on water supply, 1 on road and 1 on sanitation) in 6 towns namely Behrampur, Koraput, Paralakhemundi, Angul, Cuttack and Sambalpur have been sanctioned at an approved cost of Rs.112.52 crore involving total Central commitment of Rs. 91.70 crore under the scheme and Rs. 46.70 crore has been released to the State as First instalment of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) during 2006-07 and 2007-08. Details of the projects sanctioned so far to Orissa under UIDSSMT have been given in the Statement.